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SUBJECT: GOES POLICY ON ENTRY FROM HONDURAS

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 4115 (NOTAL); (B) TEGUCIGALPA 4076(NOTAL)

1. REFTEL (A) REPORTED THAT AMCIT PHILIP E. HOPKINS WAS DENIED ENTRY INTO EL SALVADOR ON BASIS THAT HE IS A RESIDENT OF HONDURAJ. CABLE STATES THAT HE WAS TOLD BY SALVADORAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL THAT ENTRY IS DENIED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HONDURAS "THE SAME AS TO HONDURAN CITIZENS". REFTEL (B) DEALT WITH

SIMILAR QUESTION OF GOES POLICY VIS A VIS ENTRY INTO EL SALVADOR FROM HONDURAS. IN THAT CASE, THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION 7 "HONDURAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS", AND DEALT WITH THE TRAVEL OF HONDURAN PARTICIPANTS TO THE SAN SALVADOR TRADE FAIR IN NOVEMBER.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED THE SUB-DIRECTOR OF SALVADORAN IMMIGRATION RE THE SPECIFICS OF THE HOPKINS REFUSAL. THE SUB-DIRECTOR WAS WELL AWARE OF THE CASE. HE STATED THAT HOPKINS WAS DENIED ENTRY, OFFICIALLY, ON THE BASIS OF BEING A "HIPPIE". HE SAID GOES IMMIGRATION POLICY IS TO PROHIBIT THE ENTRY OF HIPPIES. FYI - THE SUB-DIRECTOR ALSO MENTIONED, OFF THE RECORDS, THE HOPKINS STATUS AS A MISSIONARY WAS A SECOND

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REASON FOR EXCLUSION, SINCE THE GOES HARBORS SUSPICIONS THAT

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES IN HONDURAS AGITATE AGAINST EL SALVADOR.  
END FYI. THE SUB-DIRECTOR CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IF HOPKINS  
WERE TO MAKE HIMSELF MORE PRESENTABLE IN APPEARANCE, AND  
REAPPLIED, IMMIGRATION WOULD LET HIM ENTER FOR THE PERIOD OF  
TIME NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THIS BUSINESS.

3. ON THE BROADER QUESTION OF GOES POLICY TOWARDS THE  
ADMISSION OF HONDURAN CITIZENS INTO SALVADORAN TERRITORY,  
THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY GOH IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, PARA  
2 REFTEL (B) AND PURPORTEDLY CONFIRMED BY "GOES IMMIGRATION  
OFFICIAL" IN REFTEL (A) MAY BE MISLEADING. THE GOES  
HAS CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT ITS POLICY IS TO ADMIT  
HONDURANS AND TREAT THEM THE SAME AS VISITORS FROM  
ANY OF THE OTHER CA COUNTRIES. AS RECENTLY AS LAST FRIDAY,  
FONMIN BORGONOVO REITERATED THIS POLICY TO THE CHARGE. HE POINTED  
TO THE CARS SEEN IN COUNTRY WITH HONDURAN TAGS AS ONE PROOF  
(HOW MANY MORE MIGHT BE HERE WITH "NEUTRAL ONES", AS PER  
REFTEL (A), IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE). HE INSISTED, ON OTHER  
HAND, THAT HONDURAS PROHIBITS ENTRY OF SALVADORANS  
INTO HONDURAS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES, HOWEVER, STATE THAT TO ENTER,  
HONDURAN CITIZENS MUST PRESENT A TOURIST CARD WHICH, BECAUSE  
EL SALVADOR HAS NO REPRESENTATIVE IN HONDURAS, ONLY AVAILABLE  
THROUGH SALVADORAN MISSIONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. OBVIOUSLY,  
HONDURANS MUST TRAVEL FIRST INTO ANOTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN  
COUNTRY OR ELSEWHERE TO ACQUIRE THE TOURIST CARD WHICH  
PRESUMABLY IS ISSUED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION BY THE SALVADORAN  
CONSUL. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ACCOUNT FOR DENIALS AT EL AMATILLO  
AND OTHER SALVADORAN-HONDURAN BORDER CROSSINGS, AND PROBABLY  
FOR MUCH OF THE PROBLEM.

5. WHILE EMBASSY AWARE THAT PREVIOUS LITTLE TRADE AND COMMERCE  
IS POSSIBLE GIVEN PRESENT BILATERAL SITUATION, WE WOULD HOPE  
THAT EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA WOULD NOT DISCOURAGE HONDURAN  
PARTICIPATION IN FAIR ON BASIS OF INABILITY TO EFFECT ENTRY  
SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE MEANS, TO TRAVEL FIRST

TO A THIRD COUNTRY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING OF ANY  
CASES OF EXCLUSIONS, HONDURANS OR OTHERWISE, REPORTED TO  
EMB TEGUCIGALPA OR TO OTHER POSTS.

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